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INTERVIEW UPON RETURN

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1. THE GRB'S FLASH-INFOR BULLETIN ACCOUNT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MELCHIOR BWAKIRA'S SPEECH AT COLOMBO CITED THE TWO MAIN POINTS AS BEING HIS CALL FOR A CAMPAIGN FOR THE ABOLITION OF THE VETO RIGHT IN THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND HIS CONDEMNATION OF MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA FOR ANNEXING THE WESTERN SAHARA. THE PORTION OF HIS SPEECH ON THE VETO QUESTION IS QUOTED AND IT DEMANDS "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRATIC INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS" WITHOUT SUBJECTION TO "THE EXHORBITANT POWER DISPOSED BY ONE OR MORE COUNTRIES". IF THE VETO COULD NOT BE ABOLISHED ALTOGETHER, THEN HE PROPOSED THAT EACH REGION OF THE WORLD SHOULD HAVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND EACH SHOULD HAVE THE SAME RIGHT OF VETO. HE MENTIONED THIS AS BEING A PRESSING QUESTION NOW PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE UNITED STATES' RECENT "ABUSE" OF THE VETO IN USING IT AGAINST ANGOLA'S MEMBERSHIP; ANGOLA'S CASE, HE SAID, RECALLED A PREVIOUS ABERRATION AT THE UN WHEN THE PRC WAS KEPT OUT.

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2. IN HIS PRESS INTERVIEW UPON RETURN FROM COLOMBO AUGUST 23,

BWAKIRA SPOKE OF THE INCREASINGLY SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND THE SUPPORT OF THE THIRD WORLD FOR A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER. HE PASSED RATHER MORE LIGHTLY THAN USUAL OVER THE POLITICAL ISSUES OF CONCERN TO BURUNDI SAYING IN REGARD TO THE SAHARAN QUESTION THAT A COMPROMISE HAD BEEN FOUND FOR THIS CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION AND THAT A RESOLUTION ON KOREA HAD BEEN ADOPTED IN SPITE OF RESERVATIONS MADE BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE CONFERENCE'S ATTENTION TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOUTHERN AFRICA, DECOLONIZATION, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NON-ALIGNED PRESS POOL.

3. COMMENT: BURUNDI'S NEW PUBLIC EMPHASIS ON THE VETO QUESTION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SPARKED BY ITS VERY STRONG REACTION TO THE U.S. VETO ON ANGOLA (REFTEL B) AND IT MAY CONTINUE TO BE BURUNDI'S FAVORITE THEME AT THE UNGA. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY MATERIALS DEPARTMENT CAN SEND US FOR COUNTER-ARGUMENT, FUTILE AS IT PROBABLY WILL BE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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